

LONGEST PREVIOUS SESSION OUT-  
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CONCERNING CRIMES AND PUN-  
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Section 3.—Every man who shall carnally know any female under the age of forty-five years who was born blind or deaf, who is an epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or a pauper, shall be imprisoned in the state prison not less than three years or for life. Every man born blind or deaf or who is epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded, or a pauper, shall carnally know any female under the age of forty-five years and every female under the age of forty-five years who shall consent to be carnally known by any man born blind or deaf, or who is epileptic, imbecile, or feeble-minded, shall be imprisoned in the state prison not less than three years.

The bill was again rejected.

It was further explained that the bill was passed in the senate 18 to 2. The bill extended the time for completing the road two years. It will afford street railroad facilities between New London and Norwich.

**ARE NOW COMMISSIONERS.**  
Hon. Herbert E. Benton, the newly appointed commissioner of the school fund, assumed the duties of his office this morning, the appointment having been approved by Governor Coffin. Mr. Benton presented his bond and took the oath of office.

Frederick A. Betts, the newly appointed insurance commissioner, arrived on the 2:05 train this afternoon and qualified.

**COURT RECORD.**

Court Notes.

and after a very brief session adjourned until next Monday. But one case was disposed of, that of John Reagan, charged with non support, in which a nolle was entered.

The arguments in the Isbell will contest were made yesterday in the probate court. Attorney Wolfe, representing the beneficiaries under the will, made the opening arguments and he was followed by Attorneys Arvine and Russell for the contestant George A.

doral tributes showed the esteem in which she was held throughout the community. There was a perfect profusion of beautiful flowers. She was connected with the Litchfield Congregational church, where she was always prominent in church work. Rev. Mr. Seymour, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, officiated at the funeral. The service was both beautiful and impressive, and words of comfort and consolation were spoken by the clergyman.

The character and daily life of Miss Townbridge were such as to endear her to all who knew her, and to make her loss one that will be felt throughout the community in which she was known and loved so well.

Mrs. W. W. Cameron of the Aldrich house is dangerously ill with inflammation of the bowels.

Mrs. H. R. Mathison, teacher in the Fair street school, will spend part of her vacation at North Gullford.

W. G. Tunstall, who for several years was connected with the New Haven newspapers, is in this city en route to California on a wheel. He will make the southern section of the country his route, and attend the Atlanta exposition; thence to New Orleans, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, through New Mexico and Arizona, arriving in Santa Fe, California, in late November.


The study of American botany, which, under the grandfather, had been generalized and almost rudimentary, had already, in common with other natural sciences, begun to tend towards specialization. The great generalization of the formal life-work forecasting the future subdivisions of the large field, the pupil of Professor Gray had evidently chosen as his specialty the cryptogamia and as sub-specialties ferns, mosses and algae. Before he became professor he had published papers on ferns of Japan and of eastern Cuba, and in Chapman's *Flora of the United States* (1860) he had contributed a chapter on "Filices." His next important published work was his "Ferns." In the fifth edition of the "Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States" by Professor Griseb. printed in 1867, followed the year after by "Acrogens" in "Gray's Botany of the Field, Forest and Garden." There could be no doubt in his mind that he had covered papers, most of them brief and referring to ferns, mosses and algae, but with an occasional dip into popular botany, as in his "Vegetable Fibres in an Oriole's Nest," or his "Tea, Coffee and

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